

## OHIO'S CAMPAIGN FUNDS

### Complaints Follow the Call for Political Contributions

Civil Service Commissioners Direct  
the Postmaster General's Attention  
to the Matter—Too Late to Reissue  
the Warning Circular of Last  
Year.

The Civil Service Commissioners have had their attention called to the circular sent to Government employees by the Republican campaign committee of Ohio, asking for political contributions. A complaint came to the Commissioners the other day to the effect that the letter carriers of the

The circular was sent to all the employees, irrespective of party. In response to the complaint, the Civil Service Commission managers have written a letter to the Postmaster General, stating that it is charged that circulars soliciting political contributions have been sent to the employees of the Toledo postoffice, and requesting that the Toledo postmaster General rescind the notice sent out to the postmasters last October, directing them to post in a conspicuous place

This, it is said, is about as far as the Civil Service Commission can go in the matter, as the circulars complained of do not contain the names of persons connected with the Government in the printed list of officers of the campaign committee.

It was just a year ago today that Acting Postmaster General Heath sent out the circular which the Civil Service Commissioners in their letter to the Postmaster General have requested he rescind.

The circular, which was prepared by the Civil Service Commissioners, contained this notice, from the Acting Postmaster General:

"By request of the Civil Service Commission, all postmasters are hereby directed to sign and post conspicuously in their respective offices, copies of the following circular issued by the United States Civil Service Commission and to use every means to direct the attention of their subordinates to the provisions thereof."

The circular referred to by the Acting Postmaster General was entitled "A Warn-

The Civil Service Commissioners' latest cornerstone.

request will, it is said, be granted to the extent that the circular will be printed in the Postal Bulletin, which is published by the Postoffice Department every day, and sent to all the leading postoffices in the country.

An official, in speaking of the Civil Service Commission's request that a copy of the circular be sent to every postmaster in the country, said today: "There are in round numbers 75,000 postmasters in the country. The circular in question would have to be printed at the Government

Printing Office, and even if made special work it would be something like ten days before we could receive them. It would be better to send you one or two, and take a few days to put up the rest. The campaign would be a thing of the past before half the postmasters would receive copies of the important circular, which, as a matter of fact, has never been revoked by the department."

**DICK CALLS FOR FUNDS.**

The Republican Chairman Issues Another Circular.

TOLEDO, Ohio, Oct. 18.—Charles F. Dick, chairman of the Ohio Republican Executive Committee, has sent out another circular to members of his committee, asking for campaign funds. One of the letters from Jones' friends. This letter differs from the one sent the mail carriers and postmasters, in that it is signed by Mr. Dick

After calling attention to the prosperity of the country under the Administration of President McKinley, Mr. Dick says: "A change in the administration of Ohio would be accepted as the precursor of a change in the National Administration in 1900. Such a change would be disastrous to the business interests of the country. Believing you are desirous of continuing the present policy, I take the liberty to ask you to send such contributions as you deem proper toward defraying the expenses

of the campaign. Please send remittance to the undersigned."

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**INTERFERES WITH THE MAILS.**

Postal Facilities Disturbed by Trouble in South Africa.

The trouble in South Africa will result

In the cutting off of America's mail service with the Transvaal and the Orange Free State, said an official of the Postoffice Department today. All mail matter from this country for South Africa enters by the way of Cape Town. The British authorities will forward only such matter as is ad-

No fears need be held by the people of this country, that letters addressed to parties in the Transvaal and Orange Free

parties in the Transvaal and Orange Free State will be tampered with, as the existing postal treaty relations held by us with all foreign governments, holds such matter secret and it would be a violation of

the treaty obligations if any of the letters should be opened. The amount of mail matter from this country to the south of Africa is very small, averaging for 1898 only 2,530 kilograms or about 5,000 pounds.

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**THE GERMAN PARCELS POST.**

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**Free People Aware of the Existence**

**Few People Aware of the Existence of the New Treaty.**  
Returns to the Postoffice Department show that on October 1, the day the parcels post convention between this country and Germany went into effect, there were twenty-eight parcels sent from the United States and seven from Germany.

The people in general, says Captain Brooks, Superintendent of the Foreign Mail Service, are not aware of the existence of the treaty. It will prove of great convenience to Americans traveling abroad and the general use of the mail for exchange of parcels is soon expected by the merchants and citizens in general.

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